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In re application of:

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For: **2-Ethyl-4,6-dimethyl-phenyl-  
substituted Spirocyclic Tetramic  
Acid Derivatives**

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 22, 2009, Applicants submit the following  
Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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